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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020 (Special meeting) via Zoom

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Edward Mello called the meeting to order at 10_05 am and took a roll call of the Special POST meeting called on November 9, 2020. The following POST members were present: Chief Edward Mello, Colonel Michael Winquist and Shawn Brown. A quorum has not been met. Also present were Paul Dutra, Ryan Holt, Adam Sholes, Donna Lavalley, Christine Crocker and Chief Richard St. Sauveur.

2. Review and approval of the revised Model Use of Force Policy.

Chief Mello asked Mr. Paul Dutra to explain the policy and the reason for the 2020 update so all who are present for today's meeting are apprised of the details.

Colonel Clements is now present at the meeting.

Mr. Dutra read the memo to the P.O.S.T. dated October 27, 2020, which details the fact that this is the 4th revision since the original 2004 Model Use of Force Policy. This 2020 update is a significant development in addressing more directly many contemporary policing issues and will serve as a solid guide for police departments across the state. He wanted to recognize that a month ago, the policy was brought to the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, who unanimously endorsed it for the model policy going forward.

Chief Mello asked if any members had any questions? He noted that Mr. Dutra provided a summary of all changes that occurred in the handout.

Colonel Winquist stated that he is very familiar with the policy and its amendments.

Colonel Clements added that he joined in the meeting at the beginning of Paul's presentation and he would like to commend Paul and his team for a job very well done.

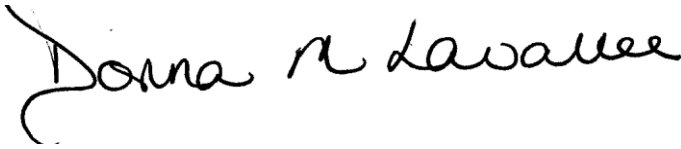
Chief Mello asked that as a Trust member, would the Trust send out the model policy to its members. Also, he if they could include the A.G.'s protocols so we are all using the same model. He then asked Christine Crocker for Accreditation purposes, there a standard that shows agencies are participating. She replied that they are looking for revisions to the Use of Force policy and will be checking to be sure of all checks and balances.

Chief Mello asked Chief St. Sauveur if he had any questions or comments but he was having technical difficulty.

Colonel Winquist made a motion to accept the "Model Use of Policy" as put forth and explained by Mr. Paul Dutra. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, 4-0, motion passes.

Chief Mello then thanked Paul Dutra and Christine Crocker for their efforts in putting this together. Colonel Winkvist made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M. Lavalley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna M. Lavalley
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